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YOU CAN DWARF TREES

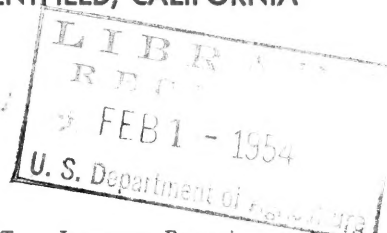
If You Have
the ESSENTIALS
which we provide

1. Suitable BABY trees
Pot-Grown -- RARE
2. World's ONLY Handbook
Nearly 1,000 yrs. of skill

May 1953 Price 10 Cents

RARE PLANT CLUB

208 McAllister Ave.
KENTFIELD, CALIFORNIA



AT LEFT -- Japanese Bonsai expert with 500-year-old Bonsai tree worth \$3000.00. We can negotiate the purchase and importation from Japan of Bonsai trees worth \$500.00 and up -- at YOUR RISK. Plant fumigation on arrival is rigorous -- some plants get through it alive.



TREES We DWARFED for YOU

It requires years to build up a stock of DWARFED trees--we hope to have new varieties, larger supply each year.

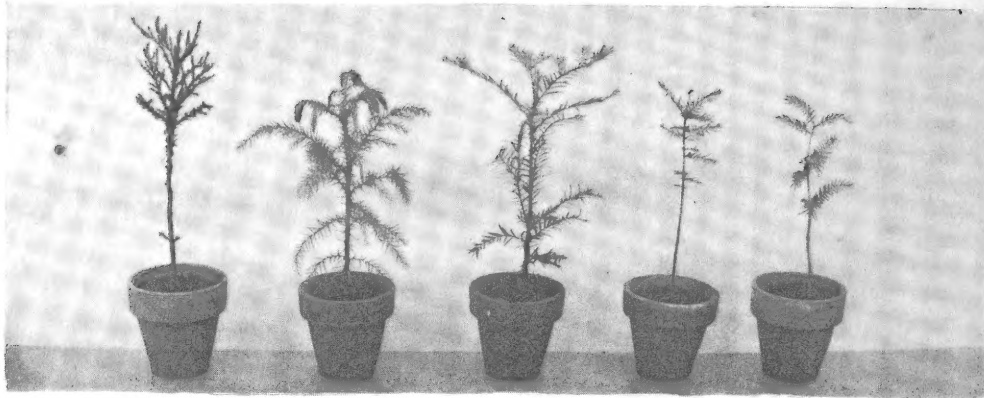
AT LEFT--3 sizes of DWARFED Colorado Douglas Firs in 2, 3, and 4 in. pots--ALL NINE years old, from same planting of seed. Note that the amount of dwarfing depends upon the severity of starvation, pruning, root-pruning, etc. These are about 3, 6, and 9 inches tall--\$9.00 each. Specify.

BELOW--the 2 smaller trees in 3 in. pots are DWARFED Alberta Spruce -- *Picea albertiana conica*--in their fifth summer. They are natural dwarfs, grow to 50 feet in 40 below zero parts of Canada. EASY to keep dwarfed. 8 in. tall--\$7.50 each.

BELOW--the larger tree in 4 in. pot is a DWARFED Japanese Cryptomeria--*Cryptomeria japonica compacta*. It is about 12 in. tall and 10 years old--a natural dwarf variety of the giant tree--grows to 20 ft. or more when planted out. Only ONE left--our finest DWARF--\$25.00.



20 Baby Trees for YOU to DWARF
SEE FOLLOWING PAGES



BABY REDWOODS

Dwarfing the Redwoods--the world's largest and longest-lived trees--is really exciting fun--and can be profitable. Today, there are probably less than a DOZEN dwarfed Redwoods in the world! YOU can "get in on the ground floor"-- start NOW

SEQUIADENDRON giganteum	
OR giant Sierra Sequoia	EV
SEQUIOIA sempervirens	
OR California Coast Redwood	EV
METASEQUIOIA glyptostroboides	
OR Dawn Redwood	DE
TAXODIUM distichum	
OR Baldcypress	DE
CRYPTOMERIA japonica	
OR Japanese Cryptomeria	EV

If you want to learn more about the Redwood Family, send \$1.00 for our 3 booklets -- the ONLY description of ALL 15 REDWOODS, and How to Grow Them, ever printed. (Postpaid)

U. S. TREES

We have selected some of the native American Trees that are fine for DWARFING-- and have been dwarfed here in California. Even the Japanese import some of our trees as fine for BONSAI work in Japan.

PICEA pungens glauca	
OR Colorado Blue Spruce	EV
PSEUDOTSUGA Douglasi glauca	
OR Douglas Fir	EV
PINUS radiata	
Monterey Pine	EV
Pinus Mugo	
OR Swiss Mountain Pine	EV
ACER platanoides	
OR Norway Maple	DE

The ONLY Authoritative HANDBOOK

For centuries, it was a death - penalty crime in Japan, to reveal BONSAI secrets. NOW comes an official book, published by a Bureau of the Japanese Government, which tells the complete methods. Printed in English, 177 pages and 109 illustrations, it condenses the experience of Japanese BONSAI experts for about 800 years! It tells -- the suitable kinds of trees, soils, fertilizers, root and branch pruning, shaping the trees, winter and summer care, the kind of pots to use, how to house and exhibit BONSAI.

Even if you BUY "finished" BONSAI trees, you need this book to tell you how--to prevent them from growing to full-sized trees, to keep them from dying! THIS BOOK is the ONLY real authoritative information available!

In our opinion, NOBODY can write BONSAI directions that can even remotely approach the 800 years of Know-how, compressed in this book!

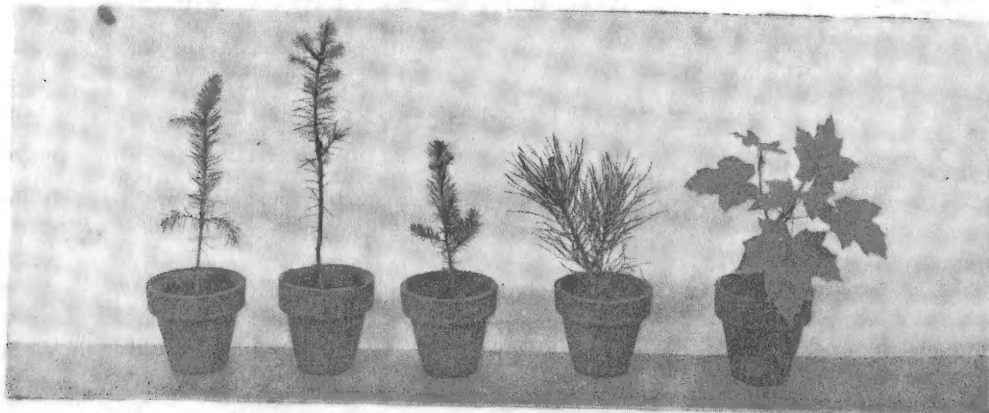
15 TREES to DWARF

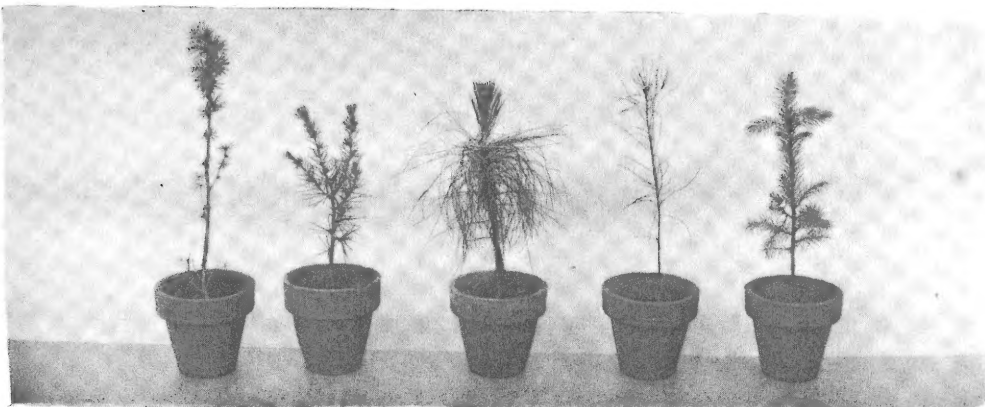
1 to 3 yrs. old--4 to 12 in. tall--3 in. pots NOT bare root-cost MORE to grow & pack -but WORTH far more. Why buy 3, expecting 2 to die? Order one of quantities listed to fit our shipping packages.

Prices include packing cost. Trees etc. cash with order -express charges collect. Choose ANY assortment of trees listed

QUAN-PRICE	QUAN-PRICE	QUAN-PRICE
1 - \$2.00	10 - 17.25	25 - 37.50
3 - 5.50	15 - 24.75	50 - 62.50
5 - 9.00	20 - 31.00	100 - 100.00

With tree order--\$2.25 Alone--\$2.75 ppd.





Rare FOREIGN TREES

WHY waste your time and work in dwarfing common trees? You can just as well work on RARE trees that are really worth the effort--and far more valuable when finished. When you have DWARFED these RARE foreign trees, you will be proud of them!

LARIX leptolepis	
OR Japanese Larch	DE
CEDRUS atlantica	
OR Atlas Cedar (N. Africa)	EV
PINUS patula	
OR Jelecote's Pine (Mexico)	EV
CASUARINA equisetifolia	
OR Horse-hair Tree (Australia)	EV
PICEA omorika	
OR Serbian Spruce	EV

We are also growing these rare trees to larger sizes, to be planted outdoors in the right climates--by plant collectors, botanical gardens and folks who want something RARE.

FIVE MIDGET REDWOODS--A Sensation for YOU to DWARF

The FIVE varieties of Midget Redwoods, discovered by W. Warren Anderson in California mountains last winter, meet ALL needs of amateur or expert DWARFER.

1. RARE--hitherto unknown, available now from Rare Plant Club alone, only a FEW will be available for years to come.

2. INTERESTING--natural dwarfs growing to about 35 ft. in the wild--1/10 the size of the Coast Redwood, world's tallest tree! WHITE WOOD Redwoods!

SUBSTITUTION: We reserve the right to substitute not more than 2 of each five trees ordered, in case of temporary shortage. This avoids delaying your order, avoids extra correspondence.

DWARFING Simple or Complex

In nature, plants are dwarfed by adverse conditions--poor soil, wrong acidity, too hot or cold, wet or dry, wind or tramping feet. YOU can dwarf ANY plant--by using adversity. Little soil, minimum water, pinching off growing tips, root pruning once a year--barely keep it alive.

You can enjoy DWARFING, as an amateur or expert--whichever you prefer--just as can be done with gardening, photography, sewing, woodworking, any hobby craft.

The BONSAI Book tells ALL that an expert needs to know. YOU can do one-fourth the things the experts do, yet succeed. Don't be frightened by the COMPLETE methods told in the BONSAI Book.

3. VARIETY--FIVE distinct types.

4. EASY TO DWARF--naturally dwarfed by centuries of adversity, they are TOUGH, should survive even inexpert handling.

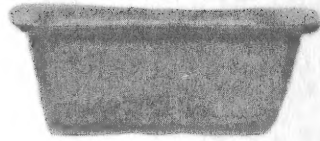
5. MULTIPLY--remove root - shoots to grow new trees. ONE produced SEEDS at age of only 8 years here.

Our Midget Redwoods Folder--May 1953--gives photos, description, with prices of larger sizes for planting, for tub trees. LIMIT-5 Scarce-Members order AT ONCE

PRICES - MIDGET REDWOODS

3 in. pots -- 2 to 6 in. tall -- \$4.75 each.
ANY 3--\$13.50 ANY 5--\$20.00





A- \$1.50
2½ IN. SQ.

B- \$2.50
3½ IN. SQ.

C- \$3.50
3½ x 5½ IN.

D- \$4.50
4½ x 6½ IN.

Hand Made BONSAI Pots

These "Art Pottery" BONSAI pots are made here in California, by craftsmen who are DWARFING trees by BONSAI methods-- with the Japanese official book as their guide! If you want beautiful, AUTHENTIC BONSAI pots here they are!

Pots of THICK ART PLASTIC

To BEGIN with less expense, use these pots of THICK art plastic. Do NOT confuse these with the THIN plastic dishes seen in dime stores! These pots are nearly ¼ in. THICK, should last for years without chipping or breaking. They too have BONSAI drain-holes in the bottom.

SEEDS if YOU are EXPERT

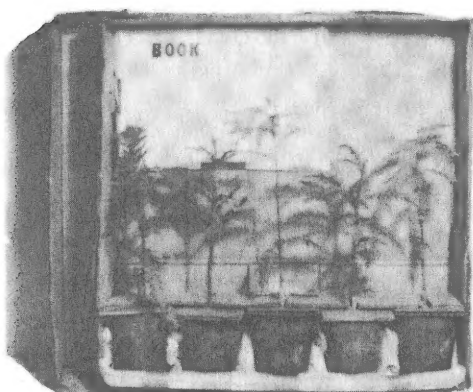
It is NOT EASY to grow baby trees from seed! And it DELAYS you an extra YEAR or more! If you think YOU can do it, we sell you seeds of RARE trees, at only 50¢ per packet. The number of seeds, depends on their COST to us.

Can YOU Make Money Growing BONSAI Trees?

Yes, you can make a business of BONSAI trees, at COMPETITIVE prices! From our 1 to 3-year old BABY trees, you can have valuable DWARFS in ONLY ONE YEAR! From seeds, it will take you TWO YEARS, perhaps more.

You can also re-sell our "\$1.00-per-year" BONSAI trees--at a nice profit! (see p. 3) Perhaps you will also find customers for BONSAI trees which we can IMPORT for you from Japan, to make even larger profits.

BUT --- don't expect to get FABULOUS PRICES for BONSAI Trees only 4 or 5 years old! You can get \$1500.00 for a 300-YEAR OLD BONSAI, which we import from Japan for you. BUT--that kind of prices for trees YOU dwarf YOURSELF, will have to be collected by YOUR DESCENDENTS two or three HUNDRED YEARS from now!



Trees Are Shipped POTTED

Our trees are pot-grown, shipped POTTED -- never bare-root, in damp moss. This extra care costs two to three times as much, but it is worth far more to you than the extra cost. Some growers ship 3 bare-root trees of each kind, hoping ONE of the three will live. Our POT-GROWN trees have a record of over 99% survival in all states and many foreign lands.

Note the photo of our special shipping package, with 5 baby Redwoods, each in its own shipping pot, snugly held so the trees reach you safely. With Redwoods and rare foreign trees, it is especially undesirable to ship bare-root. With all trees, you save time by getting trees that grow without setback or DELAY.

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1-\$1.40
3 IN. SQ.

2- \$1.60
4 IN. SQ.

3- \$1.90
4½ IN. SQ.

4- \$3.60
6 x 8 IN.

